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House Bill No.HB0066 By McDonald

AN ACT to designate a certain segment of State Route 52 in Sumner County as the "Mayo Wix Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain public highways to honor the memory of illustrious citizens; and

WHEREAS, there can be no one more deserving of this honor than the late Representative Mayo Wix of Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, it is rare that this body is blessed with such a dedicated and faithful member as Representative Mayo Wix who through his unyielding commitment to what is just and right and his superior wisdom, leadership and guidance had an indelible impact on his community and this great state; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding member of the 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, and 98th General Assembly, for fourteen years, served the constituents of District 44 with style and grace; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wix made his hometown of Westmoreland extremely proud.

He is known in his community for his honesty and the plain and simple truths he represented so well; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wix earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues through his visionary leadership on many vital issues; and

WHEREAS, he was a major force behind law enforcement and education legislation and through his determination and commitment to these important concerns he has helped to better this state; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wix was exceptionally proud of his sponsorship of Public Chapter 759 of 1984 which makes a person not complying with federal draft requirements ineligible to enroll in a state post-secondary school; this legislation promotes good citizenship in young persons and the protection of this great country; and

WHEREAS, he was a valuable participant in the legislative process and has garnered much respect from his colleagues for his contributions and service as a member of the following committees: Transporation, State and Local Government, Finance, Ways and Means, Government Operations, and Conservation and Environment which he served as secretary in the 95th Assembly; and

WHEREAS, his incredible service to the state is further illustrated by his selection as Outstanding Legislator by the County Officials Association of Tennessee in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mayo Wix was truly a great leader and citizen; his legacy of public service and commitment to good government will shine forever and continue to reflect great credit on the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his former colleagues wish to commemorate Mayo Wix's life of purpose by naming a highway in his native county in his honor; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

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SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, State Route 52 in Sumner County from its intersection with U.S. Highway 31E to its intersection with Interstate 65 is hereby designated as the "Mayo Wix Memorial Highway" in honor of this fine gentleman who gave his utmost to the citizens of Tennessee, both as a legislator and in his everyday life.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such segment of State Route 52 as the "Mayo Wix Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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